



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 7, 2019

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your March 6, 2019, letter and for taking my phone call this afternoon. As we discussed, your letter added a new request for unredacted documents, and I proposed rescheduling the hearing to April 9 in order to permit the time needed to respond to this new request. I am disappointed that this reasonable request could not be accommodated.

As requested in your letter, I will appear at the hearing on March 14 at 10:00 am to answer the Committee on Oversight and Reform's (Committee) questions on the preparations for the 2020 Census and the addition of the citizenship question. I appreciate the commitment you made in the letter that the scope of the hearing will not include questions relating to the transfer of nuclear technology to Saudi Arabia and that additional documents requested in your letters of February 8 and February 19 will be provided after the hearing. I also appreciate your commitment to state at the hearing that the Committee will allow me to provide written responses for the record to questions related to my financial disclosures.

As part of our continuing cooperation, the Department of Commerce yesterday delivered another approximately 3,000 pages of responsive documents to the Committee. This was the third production of documents the Department has provided in response to the Committee's requests, which total nearly 9,000 pages so far. Furthermore, we have committed to making a fourth production to the Committee on March 28, 2019. The Department already has committed many hundreds of hours solely to the task of responding to the Committee's document requests.

I look forward to continuing to work together to serve the American public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wilbur Ross".

Wilbur Ross

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member